

## CLAIMS

1. A drying device comprising opposed sheets of flexible material co-joined along peripheral edge portions thereof wherein at least one of the sheets is provided with a multiplicity of small apertures over its whole surface area, or substantially so, the drying device also comprising connector means for attachment of an air blower thereto, whereby, when the drying device is in use, air from an air blower is fed between said sheets and through said multiplicity of small apertures to remove moisture from a surface to be dried.
2. A drying device according to Claim 1 characterised in that the opposed sheets of flexible material are co-joined by a plurality of webs extending therebetween to form longitudinal channels between said sheets.
3. A drying device according to Claim 2 characterised in that the webs are each provided with perforations to facilitate, when the drying device is in use, the even distribution of air from an air blower attached to the drying device.
4. A drying device according to any one of Claims 1 to 3 characterised in that the connector means comprises edge portions of quick release material for effecting the ready attachment and detachment of an air blower thereto.
5. A drying device according to any one of Claims 1 to 4 characterised in that the flexible material is a synthetic waterproof material.
6. A drying device according to Claim 5 characterised in that the synthetic waterproof material is plastic.
7. A drying device according to any one of Claims 1 to 6 characterised in that the drying device comprises support means, effective when the drying device is in use, to position the drying device adjacent a wall or a ceiling to be dried.

8. A drying device according to any one of Claims 1 to 7 characterised in that the drying device comprises a connector for co-joining one drying device with another like drying device.
9. A drying device according to Claim 8 characterised in that the connector for co-joining one drying device with another is provided by a collar of flexible material having quick release portions for ready attachment and detachment to and from each drying device.
10. A drying device according to any one of the preceding Claims characterised in that the opposed flexible sheets are rectangular in shape or substantially so.
11. A method of drying a carpet after cleaning or immersion in water comprising the steps of:
  - a) placing a drying device according to any one of Claims 1 to 10 with a sheet having apertures therein overlying a carpet;
  - b) attaching an air blower to the drying device; and,
  - c) blowing air into the drying device and through the apertures to dry said carpet.
12. A method of drying a dwelling after the ingress of water thereto comprising the steps of :
  - a) placing a drying device according to any one of Claims 1 to 10 with a sheet, or sheets, having apertures therein against a surface, or between surfaces to be dried;
  - b) attaching an air blower to the drying device; and,
  - c) blowing air into the drying device and through the apertures in the sheet or sheets to dry said surface or surfaces.

13. A method according to Claim 12 characterised in that the surface to be dried is:

- a) a floor; or,
- b) a wall; or,
- c) a ceiling; or,
- d) those surfaces bounding a closed space between floorboards and a concrete base or the like.

14. A method according to either one of Claims 11, 12 and 13 characterised in that the air is heated to above ambient temperature.